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COORDINATION OF PROGRAMMES WITHIN THE UNITED NATIONS SYSTEM IN
THE FIELD OF NATURAL RESOURCES

Ghana* **: draft resolution

The Committee on Natural Resources recommends to the Economic and Social Council the adoption of the following draft resolution:

Coordination of programmes within the United Nations system
in the field of natural resources

The Economic and Social Council,

Bearing in mind General Assembly resolution 45/253, part I, of 21 December 1990 on the medium-term plan for the period 1992-1997, and in particular, programme 19 on natural resources,

Recalling its resolutions 1987/13 of 26 May 1987 and 1989/12 of 22 May 1989, on coordination of programmes within the United Nations system in the field of natural resources,

Convinced of the need to increase the effectiveness and relevance of the work of the United Nations system in the field of natural resources,

* In accordance with rule 72 of the rules of procedure of the Economic and Social Council.

** On behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the Group of 77.

Stressing the crucial role of natural resources for economic growth and development, particularly that of the developing countries,

Welcoming the increased coordination of the activities of the United Nations system in the field of natural resources, particularly in water resources,

1. Takes note of the report of the Secretary-General on the activities of the United Nations system in water, mineral and energy resources; ^{1/}
2. Requests the Secretary-General, in collaboration with the relevant organs, bodies and organizations of the United Nations system, in particular the regional commissions, to submit a consolidated report to the Committee on Natural Resources at its thirteenth session on salient issues concerning natural resources, including an assessment of the financial requirements of developing countries during the 1990s for optimal development of their natural resources;
3. Welcomes with appreciation the coordination mechanisms on water and sanitation issues, including the Steering Committee for Co-operative Action for the International Drinking Water and Sanitation Decade, the Inter-Secretariat Group for Water Resources of the Administrative Committee for Co-ordination and the Collaborative Council for Water and Sanitation;
4. Requests the Secretary-General to extend the coordination mechanisms established on water resource issues to the energy and mineral sectors, including active participation by the World Bank, regional banks and the regional commissions;
5. Further requests the Secretary-General to prepare a consolidated report on the impact of relevant decisions emanating from the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development in the area of natural resources for priority consideration by the Committee on Natural Resources at its thirteenth session;
6. Requests the Secretary-General to explore the feasibility of providing facilities similar to those provided to members of the functional commissions of the Economic and Social Council to members of the Committee on Natural Resources;
7. Requests the Chairman of the Committee on Natural Resources to hold informal consultations, within existing resources, on issues and developments relevant to the work of the Committee, with a view to suggesting items for consideration at its forthcoming sessions.
